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(c) the reasons why the Government were in a hurry to make the appointment before the term of Mr. T. Pattabhiramayya actually expired; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. W. O. Newsam wrote a demi-official letter to the then Law Member to expedite passing orders about his appointment?

A.—(a) 17th June 1928.

(b) & (c) The recommendations of the District Magistrate and the District and Sessions Judge, Ganjam, were submitted to Government on the 16th April 1928, as the District and Sessions Judge would be away when the office of Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor was to terminate, namely, during the recess of his Court which commenced on the 30th April 1928. The orders of Government thereon were passed on the 17th April 1928.

(d) No.

Forests

Appointment of a committee to enquire into the grievances of ryots in forest areas.

* 726 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government propose to appoint a committee to enquire into the grievances of the ryots in forest areas in accordance with the resolution passed in the Council on the 6th September 1928?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 559 on 12th October 1928. The matter is still under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the appointment of the committee itself is under consideration or the terms of reference?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The appointment of the committee itself is under consideration."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"May I know how long it will be under consideration?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I cannot say, Sir."

Railways

Schemes for the extension of railway communications by the South Arcot District Board.

* 727 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the District Board of South Arcot has any and if so, what interest in the profits, control and administration of the new railway line opened between Cuddalore and Vriddachalam; and

(b) whether the District Board of South Arcot had at any time put forth any scheme or schemes to extend the railway communications on its own responsibility within the district, and if so, what became of such schemes eventually?